



Fort Bliss Mission and Master Plan Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

December 2005



Agenda



- ⇒ **Introductions** **Mr. Barrera**
- ⇒ **Welcome** **COL Burns**
- ⇒ **Proposed Action and Alternatives** **LTC Kirby**
- ⇒ **SEIS Process and Schedule** **Ms. Hamilton**
- ⇒ **15 Minute Break** **Ms. Brandin**
- ⇒ **Public Comment Period**

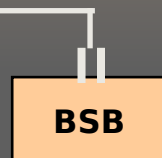
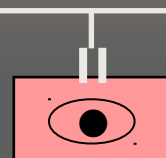
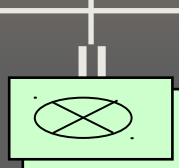
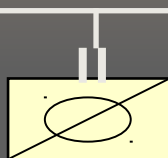
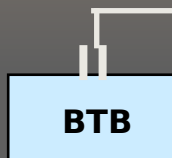


Background

- **Fort Bliss supports multiple missions and activities**
 - **U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Center**
 - **ADA and other testing and training**
 - **Mobilization for overseas deployments**
- **Army Transforming to a modular force**
 - **Army Campaign Plan approved in 2004 includes relocation of modular maneuver units to Fort Bliss**
- **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) endorsed unit stationing at Fort Bliss:**
 - **Armored Division with 4 Heavy Brigade Combat Teams**
 - **Sustainment Brigade and Combat Aviation Brigade**
 - **Artillery (Fires) Brigade**
 - **Other related units**



Heavy Brigade Combat Team



Brigade Troops Battalion

Reconnaissance Battalion

Combined Arms Battalions

Fires Battalion

Brigade Support Battalion

Headquarters

- Command & Control
- PSYOPS/Civil Affairs
- Aviation & Air Defense
- Security Platoon
- Military Police Platoon



Signal Company

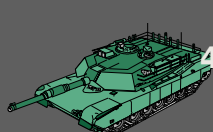
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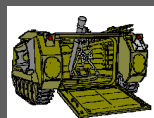
Military Intelligence Company

- Intelligence Integration & Analysis
- Human Intelligence

Combat Maneuver & Reconnaissance Capabilities



Over 55 M1A1 Tanks



14 120mm Mortar Carriers

- 4 Tank Companies
- 4 Mechanized Companies
- 3 Recon Troops
- 1 Surveillance Troop
- 2 Scout Platoons
- 2 Mortar Platoons



40 HMMWV with Long-Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System



Over 85 Bradley Scout & Infantry Fighting Vehicles



2 Sniper Sections

Protection



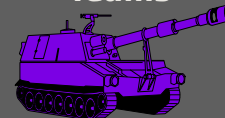
Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicles



12 Engineer Squads (2 Engr Companies) Various Equipment

Fires

Joint Fires Cell
3 Joint Tactical Air Control Teams



16 155mm Howitzer (2 Batteries)

Target Acquisition



Counterfire and Counter-Mortar Platoon
Range Acquisition Platoon

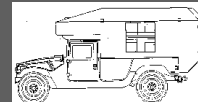
Support



Maintenance Company



Distribution Company



Medical Company



4 Forward Support Companies (provide maintenance and other support to battalions)



Planned Unit Actions

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
+ 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) from Fort Hood				
	+ Artillery (Fires) Brigade from Fort Sill			
	+ Sustainment Brigade from Fort Hood			
	- 31st ADA Brigade to Fort Sill			
	+ 1st Armored Division HQ from Germany			
	+ Heavy BCT from Germany			
	+ Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Hood			
	- ADA School/6th ADA Brigade to Fort Sill			
				+ Heavy BCT from Germany
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+ Various Echelons Above Brigades support units (through 2011)				



Personnel



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Beyond 2011
Military Personnel	10,000	14,000	16,000	23,300	27,400	30,000	30- 55,000
Civilian Personnel	7,300	7,700	7,800	8,700	9,000	9,500	10- 20,000
Tempora ry Duty	4- 11,700	5- 12,700	5- 12,700	5- 11,000	5- 11,000	5- 11,000	5- 20,000
Military Depend ents	14,500	20,300	22,000	32,300	38,300	43,500	44- 75,000
Total	43,500	64,700	58,500	75,000	55,700	94,000	90- 150,00



Construction Program

➔ Fort Bliss Training Complex

- Mission Support Facilities construction in the South Training Areas
- Upgraded and new firing ranges at the Doña Ana Range Complex and at the Meyer Range Complex on McGregor Range
- New Wilde Benton Range Complex and Aviation Range in the Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range, west of Otero Mesa
- Upgrades at Doña Ana, Orogrande, and McGregor Range Camps

➔ Main Cantonment Area

- Facilities for minimum of 4 Heavy BCTs and a Combat Aviation Brigade around Biggs Army Airfield
- Facility upgrades and new construction on Main Post
- Expanded medical facilities at William Beaumont Army Medical Center
- New entry gates
- Expansion of Residential Communities Initiative



Mission and Master Plan SEIS

➔ Mission and Master Plan Programmatic EIS

- Completed in 2000
- Record of Decision signed in 2001
- Adopted Real Property Master Plan and related plans
- Training Area Development Concept established Land Use in Fort Bliss Training Complex

➔ Purpose of and Need for a Supplemental EIS

- Purpose is to modify installation Land Use to respond to current and future needs
- Changes in unit stationing create need to modify installation Land Use to:
 - Respond to changes in training requirements
 - Expand development in the Main Cantonment Area



Types of Training

TRAINING CATEGORY/ OTHER USES	ACTIVITIES
1. Mission Support Facility	Test facilities; landing zones/pads; drop zones; radar facilities
2. Weapons Firing	Firing areas for short range and HIMAD, surface-to-surface, surface-to-air, and air-to-surface weapons, launch sites; firing points; laser certified ranges; small arms ranges
3. Surface Impact	Live artillery; live fire surface-to-surface missile impact areas; air-to-surface target areas
4. SDZ/Safety Footprint	Target debris areas and safety footprint for weapons and laser use
5. Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver	Use of tracked or wheeled vehicles that is not confined to roads
6. On-Road Vehicle Maneuver	Use of wheeled or tracked vehicles on existing roads
7. Controlled Access FTX Areas	Air Defense training sites; FTX assembly, training; communication, command, and control
8. Dismounted Training	Dismounted training; pyrotechnics
9. Aircraft Operations	Fixed-wing and rotary-wing overflights and air-to-air training
10. Built-up Areas	Range Camps
ENV. Environmental Management	Environmental management activities; conservation efforts conducted on Fort Bliss
PA. Public Access	Areas available for public use for recreation and/or grazing
HIMAD = High-to-Medium Altitude Air Defense; SDZ = Surface Danger Zone; FTX = Field Training Exercise	



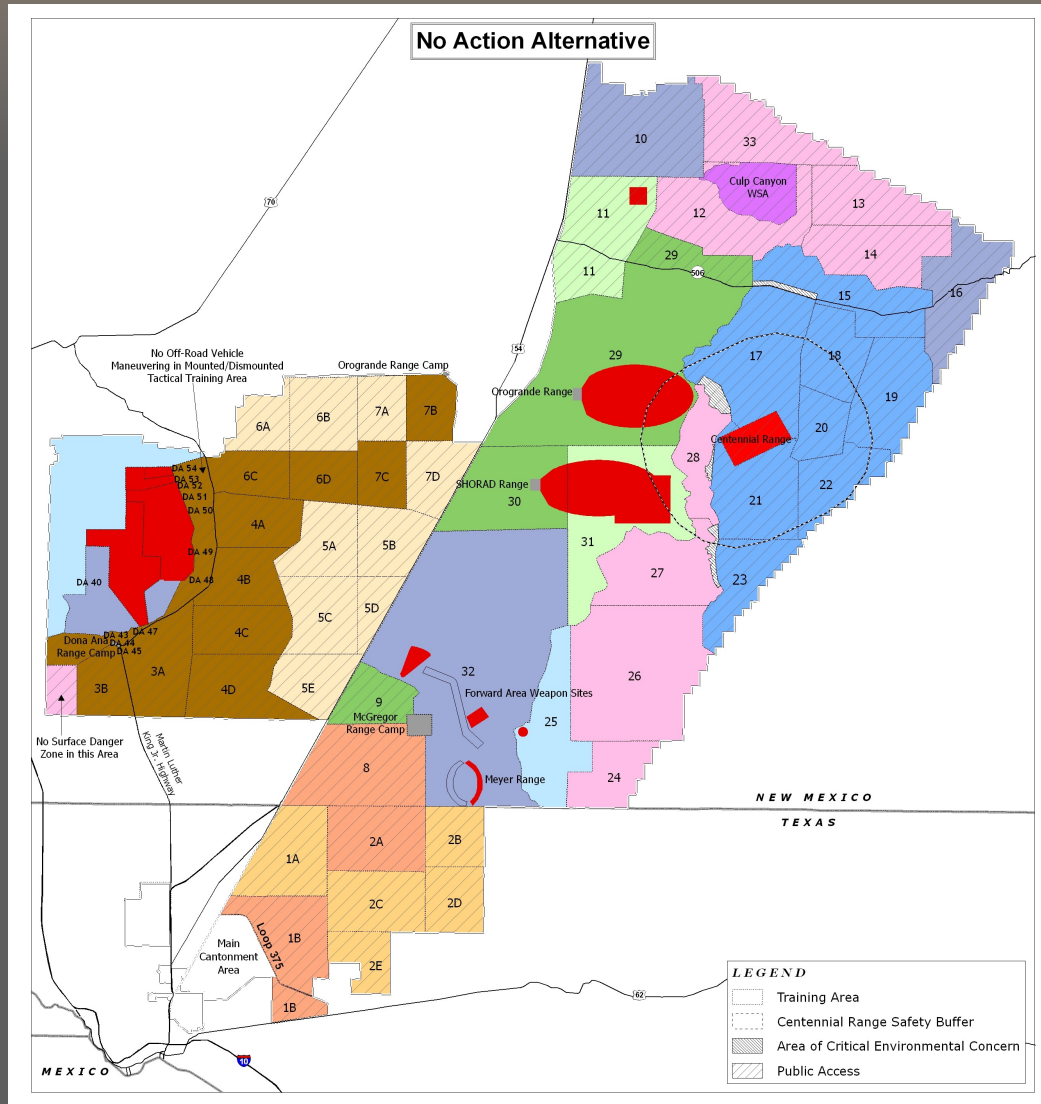
Training Area Land Use Categories



TRAINING AREA LAND USE CATEGORY	TRAINING CATEGORIES											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	ENV	PA
A		•		•	•	•		•	•		•	
A with Mission Facilities	•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	+
B					•	•		•	•		•	•
B with Mission Facilities	•				•	•		•	•		•	•
C		•		•		•	•	•	•		•	+
C with Mission Facilities	•	•		•		•	•	•	•		•	+
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D with Mission Facilities	•	•		•		•		•	•		•	+
E				•		•	•	•	•		•	•
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- Training Category occurs in Land Use Category - uses may not be concurrent
 - + Training Category/Public Access in some areas
- ENV = Environmental Management; PA = Public Access; SDZ = Surface Danger Zone;
FTX = Field Training Exercise

Current Training Area Land Use



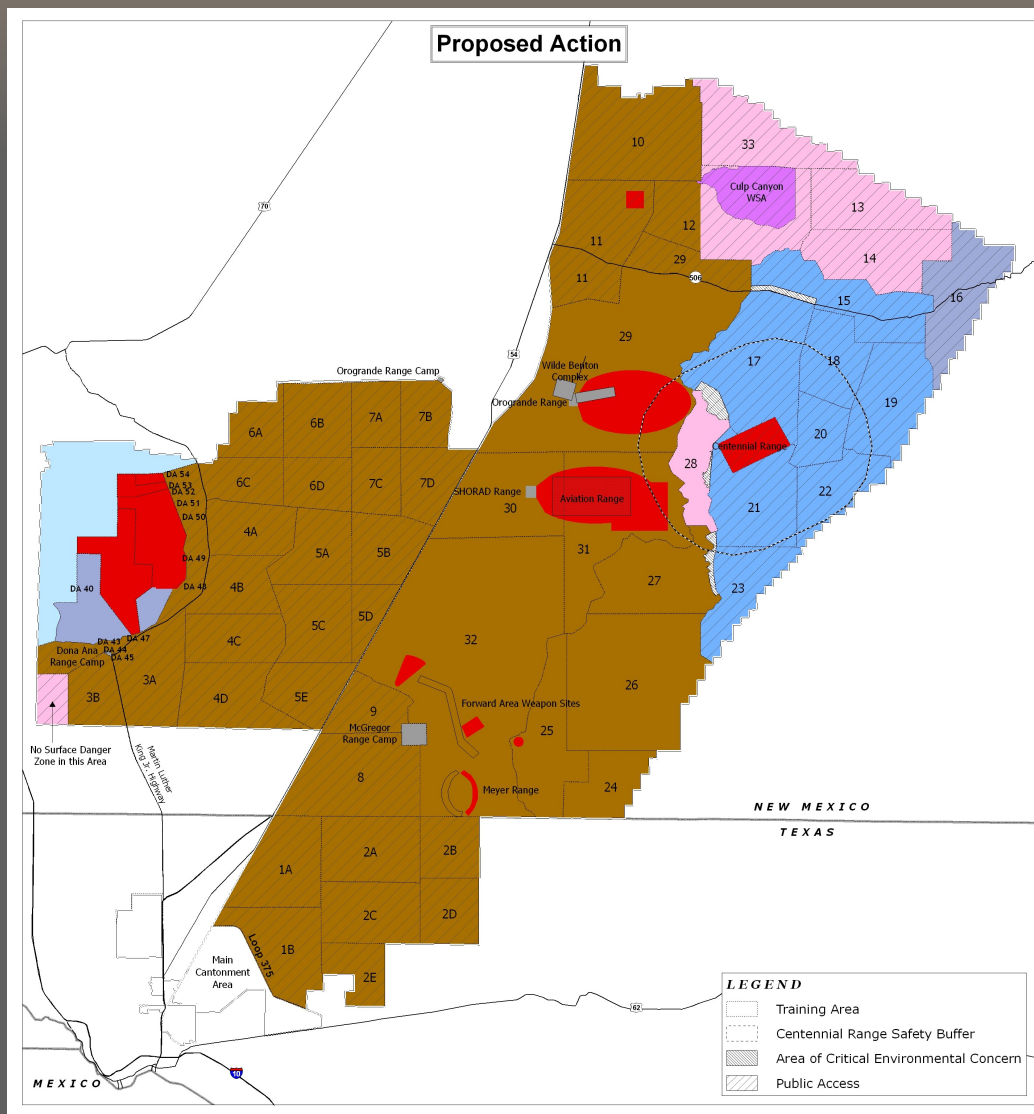


Proposed Action

- ➔ **Change Land Use in Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range to include Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver**
- ➔ **Change Land Use in Fort Bliss Training Complex to include Mission Support Facility, Weapons Firing, and Safety Footprint in all Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver Areas**
- ➔ **Expand Main Cantonment Area to the east**
- ➔ **No Land Use changes are proposed on Otero Mesa or in the Sacramento Mountains**



Proposed Action



Alternatives Under Consideration



- **No Action Alternative: Current Land Use.**
- **Alternative 1: Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver, Mission Support Facility, Weapons Firing, and Safety Footprint Land Uses in western Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range south of Highway 506. Expand Main Cantonment east.**
- **Alternative 2: Same as Alternative 1 plus Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver, Mission Support Facility, Weapons Firing, and Safety Footprint in Tularosa Basin north of Highway 506.**
- **Alternative 3: Same as Alternative 1 plus Off-Road Vehicle Maneuver, Mission Support Facility, Weapons Firing, and Safety Footprint in eastern Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range**



SEIS Process and Schedule



- **Notice of Intent to prepare the SEIS published in the *Federal Register* November 15, 2005**
 - **Started scoping period to provide affected public opportunity to:**
 - Identify environmental issues to be addressed in SEIS
 - Suggest other alternatives to be considered
- **Impact analysis will be documented in Draft SEIS**
 - **Scheduled for distribution in summer of 2006**
 - **45-day public comment period**
 - **Additional public meetings held during comment period**
- **Comments on the Draft SEIS will be included and addressed in Final SEIS**
- **Record of Decision 30 days after distribution of Final SEIS**



SEIS Analysis Topics



- ⇒ **Land Use**
- ⇒ **Main Cantonment Area Infrastructure**
- ⇒ **Training Area Infrastructure**
- ⇒ **Airspace Use and Management**
- ⇒ **Earth Resources**
- ⇒ **Air Quality**
- ⇒ **Water Resources**
- ⇒ **Biological Resources**
- ⇒ **Cultural Resources**
- ⇒ **Noise**
- ⇒ **Safety**
- ⇒ **Hazardous Materials and Items of Special Interest**
- ⇒ **Socioeconomics**
- ⇒ **Environmental Justice**

How to Submit Scoping Comments



Comment Form



Comment forms are available in the registration area

Court Reporter



A court reporter is available to record oral comments

U.S. Mail



Written comments or requests for more information can be directed to:

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Fort Bliss, TX 79916-6812

E-Mail



You may submit your comments to the following e-mail address:

bls@consec.army.mil

Facsimile



A fax number is also available to submit comments: **1-915-568-**

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Comments submitted by January 6, 2006 will be addressed in the Draft SEIS.



15 Minute Break



Public Comment Period



- The moderator will call on people who filled out a registration card
- Please speak clearly into the microphone
- State your name and affiliation, if any
- Please limit your comments to 5 minutes
- A Spanish language interpreter is available on request
- The court reporter will take a verbatim record
- Leave a written copy of your comments if you have one



Thank you for participating in
the Fort Bliss Mission and
Master Plan SEIS Scoping
Process